



CONFERENCE ON
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

BRUSSELS, CROWNE PLAZA
11-13 JULY 2012

**2012 EU/US Conference Program
Crowne Plaza Hotel:
Rue Gineste 3 Brussels (BE)
11 – 13 July 2012**

WEDNESDAY, July 11

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast meeting (EU/US Steering Committee,
Chairs and Scribes)
Room Infinity (2nd floor)

8:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Opening Plenary Session
Crowne Plaza Ballroom (Ground floor)

Conference moderator Antonio Cammarota, Principal Administrator, Health,
Safety and Hygiene at Work (EMPL B3)

WELCOME ADDRESSES

9:15 a.m. – 9:25 a.m. EU – Mr. Koos Richelle
Director General Employment, Social Affairs and
Inclusion, European Commission

9:25 a.m. – 9:35 a.m. US – Mr. William E. Kennard
US Ambassador to the European Union

9:35 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. EU Presidency of the Council –
Mr. Leandros Nicolaides,
Director, Department of Labour Inspection,
Nicosia, Cyprus

9:45 a.m. – 9:55 a.m. US – Mr. William Wiatrowski
Associate Commissioner for Compensation and
Working Conditions,
Bureau of Labour Statistics, (BLS),
US Department of Labour



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| 9:55 a.m.-10:05 a.m. | EU - Labour
Mr. Laurent Vogel
The European Trade Union Institute for Research,
Education and Health & Safety |
| 10:05 a.m.-10:15 a.m. | US – Labour
Mr. Michael J. Wright
Director, Health and Safety and Environment
Department
United Steelworkers of America |
| 10:15 a.m.-10:25 a.m. | EU - Industry
Mr. Kris De Meester
Business Europe |
| 10:25 a.m.-10:35 a.m. | US – Industry
Mr. Joseph Van Houten,
Senior Director of Worldwide Environment, Health
and Safety, Johnson and Johnson |
| 10:35 a.m. -11:00 a.m. | Presentation on EU/US Collaboration on the
OSH Wiki |

Coffee break: 11.00 a.m.-11.25 a.m.

KEYNOTES ADDRESSES

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| 11:25 a.m. | EU – Mr. Armindo Silva,
Director, Employment, Social Legislation and Social
Dialogue, European Commission (DG EMPL B) |
| 11:45 a.m. | US – Mr. David Michaels,
Assistant Secretary,
Occupational Safety and Health Administration |

Lunch: 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

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| 1:30 p.m.1:45 p.m. | Plenary Session introduction of Workshops
<i>Crowne Plaza Ballroom (Ground floor)</i> |
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1:45 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Concurrent Workgroup Sessions
Crowne Plaza Ballroom (Ground floor), Rooms Harmony, Exploration and Evasion (1st floor)



Coffee break: 4:10 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m. US Delegates Caucus
 Room Harmony (2nd floor)

 EU Delegates Caucus
 Room Exploration (1st floor)

7:30 p.m. Formal Dinner
 'Château de Grand-Bigard'

THURSDAY, July 12

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Breakfast meeting (US/EU Steering Committee,
 Chairs and Scribes)
 Room Infinity (2nd floor)

9:00 a.m.-9:15 a.m. Plenary Session (Theme Setting)
 Crowne Plaza Ballroom (Ground floor)

9:15 a.m.-12:00 a.m. Concurrent Workgroup Sessions

Crowne Plaza Ballroom (Ground floor), Rooms Harmony, Exploration and Evasion (1st floor)

Special Session:

**OSH Statistics - Exchange of experience on Injury
and Illness Reports**

Room Inspiration (1st floor)

Coffee break: 10:40 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

Lunch: 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Concurrent Workgroup Sessions

Crowne Plaza Ballroom (Ground floor), Rooms Harmony, Exploration and Evasion (1st floor)

Special Session:

**OSH Statistics - Exchange of experience on Injury
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Room Inspiration (1st floor)

Coffee break: 4:10 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m. US Delegates Caucus
 Room Harmony (2nd floor)

 EU Delegates Caucus
 Room Exploration (1st floor)

7:30 p.m. Informal dinner at the Hotel Crowne Plaza



FRIDAY, July 13

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. Breakfast meeting (US/EU Steering Committee,
Chairs and Scribes)
Room Infinity (2nd floor)

9:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. Concurrent Workgroup Sessions
Crowne Plaza Ballroom (Ground floor), Rooms Harmony, Exploration and Evasion (1st floor)

Coffee break: 10:40 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Lunch: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Closing Plenary
Ballroom (Ground floor)

Presentation of Findings

1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Special Session:

OSH Statistics

Exchange of experience on Injury and Illness Reports

Chair US: Mr. David Michaels, Assistant Secretary, OSHA

Co-Chair EU: Mr. Armindo Silva, Director, (DG EMPL B)

Scribe: Ms. Miriam Schoenbaum

Statistician

Directorate of Evaluation and Analysis

Office of Statistical Analysis, OSH Administration

Presentation of Topic Reports

Ballroom (Ground floor)

1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Topic I: Nanotechnology at the workplace

Chair EU: Mr. Wim van Veelen,
FNV, The Netherlands (Labour)

Co-chair US: Mr. Paul Schulte,
Director, Education and Information Division,
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (GOV)

Scribe US: Ms. Janet Carter,
Health Scientist, Directorate of Standards and Guidance,
Occupational Safety and Health Administration (GOV)



2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Topic II: OELs for chemical substances

Chair US: Ms. Dorothy Dougherty
Director, Directorate of Standards and Guidance
Occupational Safety and Health Administration (GOV)

Co-chair EU: Mr. Herbert Bender
BASF AG, Germany (Industry)

Scribe EU: Mr. Hugh Robertson
Health and Safety Trades Union Congress, UK (Labour)

2:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Topic III: OSH in a Green economy

Chair EU: Mr Colin Connor
Head of Energy Unit
Health and Safety Executive, UK (Labour)

Co-chair US: Mr Sanji Kanth
Safety Engineer, Directorate of Enforcement Programs,
Office of General Industry Enforcement
Occupational Safety and Health Administration (GOV)

Scribe US: Ms Leslie Nickels
Senior Science and Technical Advisor, Communication
And Research Translation Office, and Office of Global
Collaborations, National Institute for Occupational Safety and
Health (GOV)

2:30 p.m.-2:45 p.m.

Topic IV: Prevention of Catastrophic accidents

Chair US: Mr Michael J. Wright
Director, Health and Safety and Environment Department
United Steelworkers of America (Labour)

Co-chair EU: Mr. Erik van Gils
Principal adviser, Head of the Chemical Risks Inspection Division,
Belgium (GOV)

Scribe EU: tbc

2:45 p.m. -3:00 p.m. **Questions and answers**



3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. **Closing remarks**

EU – Mr. Armindo Silva

Director, Employment, Social Legislation and Social Dialogue,
European Commission (DG EMPL B)

US - Ms. Margaret Seminario

Director, Department of Safety and Health,
American Federation of Labour
Congress of Industrial Organizations

Farewell drink

3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. EU/US Steering Committee Meeting

